

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on February 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 319, 2/1/2017
Executive Action on: HB 301; SB 39

HEARING ON HB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:57 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 319, Provide process for designating roads as public.

[EXHIBIT\(loh29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh29a02\)](#)

00:09:54 Chair Greef relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Mandeville

Proponents:

00:10:31 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(loh29a03\)](#)

00:13:45 Dan Schwarz, Yellowstone County

00:19:08 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents:

00:22:49 Andy Skinner, Self

00:33:01 Chair Greef resumed the chair

00:35:21 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stock Growers (RMSG)

00:36:35 Dave Harris, Self

00:37:51 Steve Skinner, Self

00:42:04 Bill Abney, Self

00:42:50 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

00:43:59 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

00:44:35 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:50 Rep. Mandeville

00:48:01 Dan Schwarz, Yellowstone County

00:49:18 Rep. Garner

00:50:05 Rep. Essmann

00:50:45 Rep. Dunwell

00:51:28 Rep. Essmann

00:52:18 Rep. Custer

00:53:20 Rep. Essmann

00:53:46 Rep. Hayman

00:55:33 Rep. Essmann

00:56:13 Rep. Gunderson

00:57:42 Dan Schwarz, Yellowstone County

00:57:52 Rep. A. Hertz

00:58:45 Dan Schwarz, Yellowstone County

00:59:23 Rep. Kelker

01:00:03 Chair Greef

01:01:13 Rep. Essmann

01:02:08 Chair Greef

01:03:00 Rep. Fern

01:03:26 Rep. Usher
01:04:32 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:10 Rep. Essmann

01:06:50 Rep. Bishop

01:07:20 Chair Greef

01:08:28 Recessed

01:20:55 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39

01:22:32 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **SB 39 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:22:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Usher will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 301

01:25:00 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 301 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:25:10 Rep. Abbott

01:25:40 Rep. A. Hertz

01:26:52 Rep. Mandeville

01:27:26 Rep. Custer

01:28:20 Rep. Usher

01:29:13 Rep. Skees

01:29:39 Rep. A. Hertz

01:29:46 Rep. Skees

01:29:56 Chair Greef

01:30:38 Rep. Fern

01:31:33 Rep. Mandeville

01:31:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Garner, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Skees, Rep. Usher and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:34:42

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh29aad.pdf](#))